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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Second Annual Report of Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications

Attached is the Second Annual Report of the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications. This matter will be placed on the agenda of an early Intelligence Board meeting (probably that of 21 June), for noting.

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Executive Secretary

Attachment

Report noted by USIB on 21 June 1960 (USIB-M-104, item 4)

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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

I. AUTHORITY

The Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) approved DCID 2/5 in May 1958, establishing the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications (PROCIB). The National Security Council dissolved the IAC on 15 September 1958 and established the United States Intelligence Board. IAC committee structure was approved for USIB. This report reflects the major activities of the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications for the Fiscal Year 1960.

II. MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

A. Cooperative Funding Projects for the Library of Congress Accessions Indexes. Two important indexes to announce the receipt of foreign publications are being issued by the Library of Congress: the Monthly Index of Russian Accessions and the East European Accessions Index. Prior to

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B. Emergency Planning. At the request of USIB, each of its Committees was asked to prepare a report on how the Committees would function in event of emergency. Several meetings were held before PROCIB presented its final report to USIB in January 1960.

C. Important Programs of Interest to PROCIB. During the past year the following programs involving either procurement directly or other operations of direct interest to the Committee were described in detail:

Air Information Division, Library of Congress
USAREUR Procurement Program, Heidelberg, Germany
National Science Foundation

D. Publications Officer Conference. The Chairman suggested to the State Department that a Conference of Publications Officers and representatives from Washington be held this year, similar to the one in 1958. The Conference was agreed to and called in Paris, 25-27 May 1960. Mr. William McAfee the newly-designated State Department Coordinator for Foreign Publications Procurement served as Chairman of the Conference, and in addition to the Publications Officers from Berlin, Cairo, London, Moscow and New Delhi, delegates from the Library of Congress, the Air Information Division and the National Science Foundation attended.

E. Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications. PROCIB received a list of critical Far East publications required for the use of the exploitation components represented on the USIB Committee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications. After checking the list and reporting on more current bibliographical data regarding the items requested, PROCIB exerted its efforts and by utilization of all sources available to it, succeeded in procuring the majority of the items requested.

F. Commendations. A letter was sent to the State Department endorsing commendations to two regular Publications Officers at Tokyo and Hong Kong. The Committee also endorsed commendations for faithful service to certain local employees at selected U.S. posts abroad.

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G. Field Trips. The Chairman of PROCIB visited Northern Italy 18 May - 1 July 1959 to determine availability of publications and names of reliable book-dealers in this important area, which does about 26% of all publishing in Europe.

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[redacted], Curator of the CIA Historical Intelligence Collection, and [redacted] Latin American Area Coordinator in the CIA Library Acquisitions Branch, toured Latin America, 27 February - 15 April 1960, to review the availability of publications of special interest. The great increase in Africa's emergence prompted a survey trip by the Chairman and the Secretary of PROCIB, 13 April - 1 June 1960, to eight selected posts in Africa.

III. MAJOR PROBLEMS

A. Unavailable Soviet Periodicals. Certain highly technical Soviet periodicals have been completely or nearly unobtainable in post-war years. Several titles that were available last year could not be renewed for 1960 subscriptions. A start has been made towards compiling a "want list" of titles that are of priority interest and that have been unobtainable by normal means. Scattered issues of such titles have been received through a coordinated British procurement program.

B. Availability of Communist Chinese Publications. PROCIB became aware in mid-1959 of a proposed embargo for 1960 on many important publications issued by the Communist Chinese. All the world-wide sources available to PROCIB participating agencies are being checked and expanded to ensure as complete coverage of this important segment of procurement as is possible. At the time of the preparation of this report it is still too early to assess the full impact of the proposed embargo. All indications point to a major decrease in the availability of Communist Chinese publications, particularly in the scientific and technical fields.

C. Use of Foreign Currencies Available Under Public Law 480. The 85th Congress amended Public Law 480 to permit the use of available foreign currencies for programs involving the procurement, processing, translation, etc. of foreign publications. Two programs are of interest to PROCIB: (Section 104k, P. L. 85-931) primarily concerned with the translation and utilization of

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foreign scientific and technical publications, is under the direction of the National Science Foundation; the other (Section 104 n, P.L. 85-931) for the evaluation, acquisition and distribution of foreign publications in all fields, is under the direction of the Librarian of Congress. PROCIB deals closely in a consultative and coordinating capacity with both the Library of Congress and National Science Foundation. The funds for the Library of Congress portion of this project have not as yet been made avaiblable to the Librarian of Congress, but some funds were provided in FY 1959 to the National Science Foundation for its translation program. Both agencies have requests pending with the Bureau of the Budget.

IV. MAJOR OBJECTIVES

The Committee will:

A. review and evaluate the various procurement programs and make recommendations to ensure that maximum utilization is made of the media for publications procurement by the U.S. Government.

B. keep each PROCIB member agency aware of what are the problems of procurement and major achievements in procurement action, for those titles not available through routine channels.

C. anticipate and keep current on any major developments in the availability of publications world-wide.

D. ensure that as many publications as possible are turned over to our national libraries so that the U.S. scholarly world has them more readily available.

E. continue to meet with collectors, both in the field and on their home leave.

F. act in an advisory capacity to academic institutions requesting procurement information that can be made available.

G. coordinate activities with those of the USIB Committees on Documentation, and Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications.

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Chairman, Committee on Procurement
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